

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

No. 18-CR-00656-LTS

CARLOS ALVAREZ,

Defendant.

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ORDER

The Court has received a letter from attorney Patrick Brackley, submitted December 2, 2020, requesting to be relieved as counsel for Defendant Carlos Alvarez, whose sentencing is currently scheduled for December 15, 2020. (See Docket Entry Nos. 130-34.)

Because Mr. Brackley's letter concerns sensitive attorney-client communications, the Court will file the letter under seal. Mr. Brackley is directed to provide a copy of his letter, and this Order, to Mr. Alvarez as promptly as possible, and to discuss his intended request to be relieved with Mr. Alvarez in advance of Mr. Alvarez's sentencing hearing. The Court will hear Mr. Brackley's application for relief, if necessary, at the commencement of the scheduled December 15, 2020, sentencing hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
December 3, 2020

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain  
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
United States District Judge